



2016-2017 Home School Program  
extra assignments for older students  
and/or for high school credit

Month: **November – Letter 3: Swamper’s Risky Role in the Food Web**

Here are your extra assignments which are due at next month’s class.

1. Write a letter to the author of the book, Amy Griffin Ouchley. Please use proper letter writing format. Tell her what you liked about her book and things that you didn’t like (if any). What do you think about the way Ms. Ouchley told her story using the swamp rabbit as the main character, story-teller, and letter writer? Do you think the title of her book is appropriate? Does the title make you wonder what you might find inside the book (does it catch your attention)? What do you wish to learn from a children’s book author? Ask her at least five questions. You may illustrate your letter with drawings from her book, if you like. Your letter will be given to Ms. Ouchley so be sure to proof-read and take care of your finished, printed letter, keeping it presentable.
2. You will be making two visuals, showing that you understand energy flow in the **terrestrial ecosystem** and also in the **aquatic ecosystem**. One of your visuals should be designed as a **food web** and the other visual designed as a **trophic pyramid**. Using poster board or large construction paper, you may draw or use pictures from web sites or magazines to illustrate your food web and pyramid. You may write your text by hand or type it up on a computer.